## Amendments to the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed here is a~~ A network storage system for providing many clients with file services. ~~The system~~ is structured to enable layered management of clients. ~~so that a~~ A client management device is disposed between each client and a network file device provided with a disk unit. ~~and each client while t~~The network file device allocates a disk area to the client management device, and sets and manages access privileges of ~~clients~~ the client management device. ~~while t~~The client management device allocates a disk area to each client, and sets and manages the access privileges of each client.